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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jeffers *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/609,543

EXAMINER: Christine J. Saoud

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ART UNIT: 1647

FOR: NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
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MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF-PATENTS

Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the April 14, 2003 Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, July 14, 2003. Check No. 16669 in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP1 (Cura-57CIP1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 14, 2003



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